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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION CLAUDE S. BRINEGAR

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1. DURING MEETING MAY 7 WITH ROMANIAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DUDAS, THE MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE OVER THE PROSPECT OF SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S PROPOSED VISIT TO ROMANIA, AND TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT MINISTRY AGREES WITH PROPOSED TRIP DATES OF JUNE 5-8. MINISTER DUDAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FORMER MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION DRAGANESCU (NOW PRESIDENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION) WHO HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. MINISTRY ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE THE SECRETARY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, AND REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS. IN THIS REGARD, ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AGENDA WOULD BE WELCOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR PREPARATION OF PROGRAM. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM MOT THAT COL. RAIMUNDO MAY BE MAKING ADVANCE TRIP TO ROMANIA MAY 27-31, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WORKED OUT HERE AS MUCH OF PROGRAM AND AGENDA AS POSSIBLE FOR FINAL APPROVAL DURING HIS VISIT. MOT AGREEABLE TO RAIMUNDO VISIT AT THAT TIME.

3. WE ARE ARRANGING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THREE DOUBLES AND TWO SINGLES, PLUS CREW ACCOMMODATIONS OF TWO DOUBLES AND ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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SINGLE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFTTEL THAT PARTY ACCOMMODATIONS OF

THREE DOUBLES ARE FOR:

- A. SECRETARY AND MRS. BRINEGAR
- B. DR. AND MRS. GREGORY
- C. CDR. AND MRS. SULLIVAN,

WHILE SINGLES ARE FOR:

- A. ONE STAFF ASSISTANT (WHILE OTHER REMAINS IN LONDON)
- AND B. ONE SECURITY AIDE.

CREW ACCOMMODATIONS REMAIN AT TWO DOUBLES AND ONE SINGLE. IS THIS CORRECT? WHILE PARA 4, B REFTEL CALLS FOR THREE DOUBLES AND THREE SINGLES FOR PARTY, WE NOTE THAT ONE OF TWO STAFF ASSISTANTS IN PARTY WILL REMAIN IN LONDON.

4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MOT WILL OFFER GUEST VILLA ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARTY AS WAS THE CASE WITH VISIT OF FORMER SECRETARY VOLPE. IF THIS PROVES TO BE THE CASE WE WOULD RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS HOSPITALITY SINCE MINISTER DUDAS MADE IT CLEAR TO US THAT HE CONSIDERED SECRETARY BRINEGAR AND HIS PARTY AS HIS GUESTS.

5. MINISTER DUDAS AND AMBASSADOR HAD GENERAL DISCUSSION YESTERDAY REGARDING PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT MOT TODAY TO BEGIN TO WORK OUT PROGRAM VARIANTS. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICERS ARE DON BRAMANTE AND EUGENE CRAIGHEAD. WILL SUBMIT OUR OWN SUGGESTIONS FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.
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